



Overview Statement:

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) is tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered with the State of California and the IRS since 1979. As stated in our mission, TCLT is “*dedicated to protecting for the public benefit the natural beauty and character of Humboldt County from Little River to Big Lagoon.*” The primary service we offer is to hold title to properties and easements and to provide stewardship of these holdings in the public trust. TCLT currently holds title to 9 properties and 11 easements in the greater Trinidad area. They include some of the most popular coastal destinations in northern Humboldt County, including Houda Point (a.k.a. Camel Rock), Baker Beach, north Luffenholtz Beach and the public parking access easement at Moonstone Beach. TCLT has historically worked with landowners, community residents, local government, Native American interests, as well as the Trust for Public Land, CA Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, and both the state and federal Fish & Wildlife agencies to a) ensure public access to coastal areas on holdings designated for this purpose, b) conserve natural areas for scenic, natural, recreational and spiritual values, and c) provide the community with a non-government means whereby land and water resources and places of historical, community or regional significance can be protected. We are currently working on two major public trail projects of regional significance. These include a collaborative effort to develop the Little River Trail (an extension to the Hammond Trail) on a 15-acre parcel we acquired from Green Diamond Resource Co. in April 2015. We are also currently in discussions with Green Diamond about purchasing the Strawberry Rock Trail and adjacent redwood grove. We are also working with other private landowners to prioritize additional trail projects and conservation acquisitions. In October 2015, we completed a 3-year \$100,000 capital campaign to fund the construction of the Simmons Gallery/TCLT office. This new building is located at Saunders Park, adjacent to the Trinidad Public Library and Trinidad Museum, city park and botanical gardens, on property gifted to TCLT in 2004. It is designed to provide a secure office space and centralized ‘store-front’ for our organization, as well as a gallery venue for local artists. Donors, membership, organization capacity and project opportunities are all increasing. There are also increasing needs to address property *stewardship* (i.e., taking care of and maintaining trails and public use areas for access and public benefits), and to provide sought after community education and outreach programs. Our most limiting factor is the need for a dedicated funding source to provide the financial resources necessary to address these challenges and opportunities.